EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1631

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Applicant(s):

Stavrianopoulos et al.

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COMPOSITION EMPLOYING CHEMICALLY

LABELED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE OR
POLYNUCLEOTIDE, AND ARRAYS
CONTAINING A COLLECTION OR SET
OF SAME (As Previously Amended)

Group Art Unit: 1631

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (IN RESPONSE TO THE OCTOBER 10, 2001 OFFICE ACTION)

Dear Sirs:

This is a response (Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116) to the Office Action issued on October 10, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 10, 2001 Office Action was originally due January 10, 2002. This response is accompanied by a Request For An Extension Of Time (Three Months) and authorization for the fee therefor. With the expected granting of the extension request, the new deadline for responding to the October 10, 2001 Office Action is April 10, 2002. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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